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	FOR AN ENVIRONMENTALLY	§		
	HARDENED ETHERNET	§		
	NETWORK SYSTEM	§		
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 11, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action of November 11, 2008, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.